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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING SCHEDULES HEARING

Salt Lake City, Utah -- The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, in the multipurpose room at the Jennifer Leavitt Student Center, College of Eastern Utah, 451 East 400 North, Price, Utah

The director of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will brief board members on several issues during an informal session beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the formal agenda will follow at 9:00 a.m. The public will be given an opportunity to make comments or ask questions of the board prior to the formal hearing.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2011-002 Cause No. RMNRL-2011-01 – In the Matter of Formal Rulemaking to Amend the MINERALS REGULATORY PROGRAM R647 RULES for Annual Fee and Report Deadlines.

The Board will consider final approval of rule amendments.

2. Docket No. 2010-026 Cause No. C/015/0032F – In The Matter of the Request for Agency Action of GENWAL RESOURCES, INC., Petitioner and Permittee; Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Respondent – Request for Board Review of Division Order DO10A, Requiring Bonding for the Perpetual Treatment of Mine Water Discharge at the Crandall Canyon Mine in Emery County, Utah.

This matter is continued to the May 25, 2011, Board hearing.

3. Docket No. 2010-027 Cause No. M/047/0090 A – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of LIVING RIVERS, Petitioner; Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Respondent – Request to Appeal the Decision of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Approving the Application of Earth Energy Resources to Conduct Tar Sands Mining and Reclamation Operations at the PR Springs Mine, Uintah County, Utah.

This matter is expected to be continued until a petition with DEQ is resolved.

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4. Docket No. 2011-004 Cause No. 271-01 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of QEP ENERGY COMPANY for Approval of Unit Operations and Enhanced and Secondary Recovery Operations in the Green River Formation within all of Section 5 and the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 6 in Township 8 South, Range 22 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah, for Authority for Underground Injection of Water, for Exception to the Siting and Location Requirements for Vertical Wells, and for Certification as an Enhanced Recovery Project for purposes of Section 59-5-102(7) of the Utah Code, Annotated.

Although this matter appears on the agenda it is expected that parties will reach agreement prior to the hearing date and the matter will not be heard.

5. Docket No. 2011-006 Cause No. 246-02 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY for an Order of the Board Suspending the Statewide Well Siting Rule, Approving Enhanced and Secondary Recovery Operations, Authorizing Underground Injection, and Granting Authority to use Existing Production Wells as Injection Wells in a Pilot Waterflood Project in the Green River Formation in the E1/2 of Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 4 West, USM, Duchesne County, Utah.

Petitioner is seeking approval of secondary recovery operations.

6. Docket No. 2011-007 Cause No. 273-01 – Notice of Agency Action for an Order to Require MARION ENERGY to Comply with a Final Division Order and Post Additional Bond; for Certain Wells Located in Sec. 11, 15, and 16, T13S-R10E; and SEC 19, 17, and 29, T13S-R7E, SLBM, Carbon County, Utah; and Upon Failure to Comply to Authorize Suit and Closure of the Wells.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is seeking an order to require Marion Energy to post an additional bond on certain wells, and if bond is not posted to authorize action to close the wells.

7. Docket No. 2011-009 Cause No. 179-16 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of PRODCO Inc., Petitioner, to Compel WestStar Exploration Company, Respondent, to Account for and Pay Royalties in Accordance with the Petitioners' Interest in Production from the Raging Bull Fed. #1 Well, Located in Section 26, in Township 8 South, Range 24 East, Uintah County, Utah.

Petitioner is requesting the Board's approval for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to commence an investigation of non-payment of royalties.

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8. Docket No. 2011-010 Cause No. 102-81 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of ENCORE ENERGY LLC to Appeal a Division Order requiring plugging and abandoning of the Tomlinson Fee #1 Gas well located in the Cisco Field in the NWNE Quarter of Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, SLBM, in Grand County, Utah; and Notice of Agency Action for an Order to require ENCORE ENERGY LLC to plug the above described well and in the alternative to Order the Surety forfeited and Order the Division to plug the well, reclaim the well site and to recover costs of such action.

The Petitioner is seeking an appeal of the Division's order to plug a well. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is also seeking an order to require the petitioner to plug the well, or forfeit the surety and allow the Division to plug the well and reclaim the site.

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